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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

BIGG, et al.

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RULE 116 AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Responsive to the Office Action of August 7, 2001, please amend this application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 18 (twice amended) A method of treating a cancer selected from the group consisting of leukemia, colon cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer and breast cancer in warm-blooded animals comprising administering to warm-blooded animals in need thereof a camptothecin with a 7-ring member ß-hydroxy lactone ring of the formula

wherein  $R_1$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkenyl and alkynyl of 2 to 6 carbon atoms